

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A customer satisfaction system, comprising:
wherein the system comprises distinct software modules embodied on computer-readable media;
wherein the system first identifies a problem, solves the identified problem and then has the customer verify that the identified problem has been solved;
a query module for automatically sending an open-ended query comprising a query to a customer as to whether the customer has any problems with goods or services provided by a provider that have not been resolved to the customer's satisfaction, according to a predetermined schedule, and for receiving responses from customers to the queries, wherein a query includes a user interface for receiving responses input from a customer;
an analysis module for analyzing responses from customers to identify a customer problem, for sending the identified customer problem to a problem solver module for resolution by a problem solver, and for tracking status of the identified customer problem; and
at least one problem solver module for receiving an identified customer problem from the analysis module, for transmitting the identified customer problem to a problem solver, for receiving a solution to the identified customer problem from the problem solver, and for transmitting the solution to the customer;
wherein, upon transmission of the solution to the identified customer problem to the customer, the problem solver module notifies the analysis module of the solution and the analysis module causes the query module to send a query to the customer requesting verification that the problem has been solved.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a memory for storing a copy of each

query sent, response received, problem identified and solution generated.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising a report generator module for generating a report of queries sent, responses received, problems identified and solutions generated.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the query module sends queries via e-mail and receives responses via e-mail.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the analysis module includes a pattern recognition system for analyzing customer responses.

6. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the report generator module includes a problem reporting module and a customer relationship management database.

7. (Original) The system of claim 5, further comprising an account activity module including records of customer account activity for storing a record of customer queries, customer responses, customer problems and solutions.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the predetermined schedule comprises once a month.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the predetermined schedule comprises once a week.

Claims 10 - 18 (Cancelled).

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein, the analysis module, responsive to a response from the customer verifying that the problem has been solved to the customer's satisfaction, for closing the identified customer problem.
20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein, the analysis module, responsive to a response from the customer that the problem has not been solved, opens a new customer problem.
21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 4, wherein an email query includes a yes link for enabling a customer to respond in the affirmative to the query as to whether the customer has any problems with goods or services provided by a provider that have not been resolved to the customer's satisfaction and a no link for enabling a customer to respond in the negative, wherein responsive to selection of the yes link, the system displays an interface for receiving input from the customer describing the problem that has not been resolved to the customer's satisfaction.